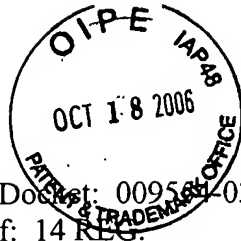


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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In reviewing the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance issued October 2, 2006 in the above-referenced application, the Applicants wish to make the following comments of record.

The Applicants' representative agreed in a telephone conversation with the Examiner to include the vertical axes in the claims for purposes of identifying the respective positions of the recited inlet and outlet. The axes are not intended to limit the inlet and outlet to any particular orientation or configuration. Thus, the inlet and outlet themselves need not face vertically, but are only defined as each being located on respective imaginary vertical axes.

Also, the Examiner indicated to the undersigned that in the case where the inlet or outlet is annular, such as the annular inlet shown at 34 in Figure 7, the vertical axis would be the general center of the inlet/outlet. For example, because inlet 34 in Figure 7 extends around in a circle, the vertical axis would be the imaginary axis at the center of the circle. This language was agreed upon as more clearly distinguishing the claims from the concentric inlet and outlets illustrated in Wigton '249 and Wigton '166.

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The Applicants believe that it is helpful to explain these points and have them made part of the written record.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan P. Collins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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